

Appl. No. 10/531,168
Amdt. dated July 16, 2008
Reply to Office action of April 21, 2008

REMARKS

Claims 14-33 are presently in the application. Of those, claim 30 has been canceled. The above amendments are being made to place the application in better condition for examination.

Claims 31-33 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only. Applicant has rewritten these claims to be in the proper form.

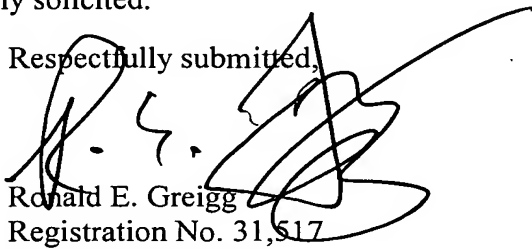
Claims 16-18 and 20-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding this rejection, the examiner has suggested specifically indicating that the particle filter (7) comprises a soot filter and that the particle detector (3) comprises a soot detector. Applicant has amended the claims to include the examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the examiner for allowance of claims 14-15 and 19, and for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 16-18 and 20-26. These claims have been rewritten in the proper form to be allowed.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited.

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